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R&CA 2019 NATIONAL AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Finalists for the 2019 Savour Australia™ Restaurant & Catering HOSTPLUS National Awards for Excellence have been formally announced ahead of next month's official Awards ceremony. The Awards for Excellence program formally recognises hospitality operators across a broad range of categories who consistently provide exceptional service and demonstrate culinary excellence in their respective fields.

Restaurant & Catering (R&CA) CEO Wes Lambert congratulated each of the National Award Finalists on behalf of the Association, recognising their significant contributions to the hospitality sector in their respective states and territories.

“The National Awards for Excellence is one of the highlights in the year's hospitality calendar and we are delighted to recognise some of the country's finest hospitality institutions as the very best our industry has to offer. Every finalist is a standard-bearer for our industry.”, Mr Lambert said.

Operators who are finalists for the national wards have already been awarded honours at a state and territory level and are now competing for awards that pit state against state to see who is the very best across our country.

“This year's finalists include household names such as RAKU in Canberra, Tetsuya's in NSW, Hentley Farm Restaurant in South Australia, WA's Over Board Café, QLD's Blackbird Bar & Restaurant and Ezard in Victoria.

“We are tremendously lucky in Australia to have so many absolute gems in the hospitality sector and the reason for this is always, of course, the dedication and passion of the owners and their hard-working staff.

A full list of the 2019 National Award can be found by clicking the button below.

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NATIONAL FINALIST LIST

RESTAURANT AWARDS

ASIAN RESTAURANT

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NSW - SYDNEY	China Doll Restaurant, WOOLLOOMOOLOO
NSW - SYDNEY	Makoto, CHATSWOOD
SA	Plus 82 Pocha, ADELAIDE
VIC	Gingerboy, MELBOURNE

BAKERY/PÂTISSERIE

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ACT	Sonoma Bakery Café, CANBERRA
SA	Kalymnos Pastries, TORRENSVILLE

BEER CAFÉ/WINE BAR

Sponsored by OneMusic

NSW - REGIONAL	Grain Store Newcastle, NEWCASTLE EAST
NSW - SYDNEY	10 William St, PADDINGTON
SA	Mother Vine, ADELAIDE
VIC	Neighbourhood Wine, FITZROY NORTH



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BREAKFAST RESTAURANT

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ACT	Morning Glory, CANBERRA
NSW - REGIONAL	The Shaggy Cow, MITTAGONG
NSW - SYDNEY	Sokyo, PYRMONT
QLD	The Tamarind Restaurant - Spicers Tamarind Retreat, MALENY
QLD	The Waterline Restaurant, ROSSLYN BAY
SA	My Kingdom for a Horse, ADELAIDE
SA	Oar, WEST LAKES
SA	Pane e Latte, BROADVIEW
SA	Presto Eatery, MOUNT GAMBIER
VIC	Reunion & Co, RICHMOND
WA	Duck Duck Bruce, FREMANTLE

BURGER BAR

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NSW - SYDNEY	Down N' Out, SYDNEY
QLD	BillyKart Bar, SOUTH BRISBANE
SA	Burger Republic, HENLEY BEACH
VIC	Yo My Goodness, MORDIALLOC
WA	Big Rigz Burger Co, SOUTH FREMANTLE

CAFÉ DINING

Sponsored by Deputy

ACT	Gather, BRADDON
NSW - REGIONAL	The Shaggy Cow, MITTAGONG
NSW - SYDNEY	The Laneway Café, CAMMERAY
QLD	Urban Paddock Café, DALBY
SA	Café Alere, BEDFORD PARK
TAS	Pearl + Co, HOBART
WA	Over Board Café, HILLARYS

CHINESE RESTAURANT

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ACT	Natural Nine, CANBERRA
NSW - SYDNEY	China Diner, DOUBLE BAY
QLD	Imperial at The Star - The Star Gold Coast, BROADBEACH
SA	Concubine, ADELAIDE
VIC	Lau's Family Kitchen, ST KILDA
WA	8 on the Point, PERTH

COFFEE SHOP/TEA HOUSE

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NSW - REGIONAL	Coffee Niche, WAGGA WAGGA
NSW - SYDNEY	Mecca Coffee, ALEXANDRIA
QLD	Sister, HAWTHORNE
SA	Pomegranate Coffee Shop, BIRDWOOD
VIC	Proud Mary, COLLINGWOOD



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CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - FORMAL

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NSW - REGIONAL	Circa 1876, POKOLBIN
NSW - SYDNEY	Automata, CHIPPENDALE
QLD	Blackbird Bar & Restaurant, BRISBANE
SA	Botanic Gardens Restaurant, ADELAIDE
SA	Pipers of Penola, PENOLA
VIC	Ezard, MELBOURNE

CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

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NSW - REGIONAL	Steamers Bar & Grill, WOLLONGONG
QLD	JAM Restaurant, TOWNSVILLE
QLD	Pony Dining, BRISBANE
SA	Vintners Bar & Grill, ANGASTON
VIC	Carlton Wine Room, CARLTON
WA	Chef & Co Café & Restaurant, BEDFORD

FAMILY DINING RESTAURANT

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NSW - REGIONAL	Merimbula Aquarium & Wharf Restaurant, MERIMBULA
NSW - SYDNEY	Firestone Kitchen and Bar, REVESBY
QLD	Club Croc Bistro, CANNONVALE
SA	Bocelli Caffè Ristorante, ADELAIDE
VIC	Beachcomber Café, ST KILDA
WA	Sandrino Café, FREMANTLE

FINE DINING RESTAURANT

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NSW - SYDNEY	Tetsuya's, SYDNEY
QLD	Homage Restaurant - Spicers Hiddenvale, GRANDCHESTER
SA	Hentley Farm Restaurant, SEPPELTSFIELD

FRENCH RESTAURANT

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NSW - SYDNEY	Restaurant Hubert, SYDNEY
QLD	Montrachet, BOWEN HILLS
VIC	Entrecote, SOUTH YARRA

GREEK RESTAURANT

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QLD	Greca, BRISBANE
SA	ESTIA Restaurant, HENLEY BEACH
WA	Brika, NORTHBRIDGE



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INDIAN/SUB-CONTINENT RESTAURANT

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ACT	DAANA, CURTIN
NSW - REGIONAL	Indian Tandoori Restaurant, ALBURY
NSW - SYDNEY	Delhi 'O' Delhi, NEWTOWN
QLD	Indian Empire on Runaway Bay, RUNAWAY BAY
SA	Laxmi's Tandoori Indian Restaurant, GLENUNGA
VIC	Café Southall, ST KILDA
WA	Copper Chimney, SOUTH FREMANTLE

ITALIAN RESTAURANT - FORMAL

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ACT	Mezzalira on London, CANBERRA
NSW - SYDNEY	Ormeggio at the Spit, MOSMAN
QLD	Fellini Ristorante & Bar, MAIN BEACH
SA	Enzo's Ristorante, HINDMARSH
VIC	Bottega, MELBOURNE

ITALIAN RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

Sponsored by TheFork – A TripAdvisor Company

NSW - REGIONAL	Il Cacciatore Restaurant, POKOLBIN
NSW - SYDNEY	I Maccheroni, WOOLLAHRA
SA	Nino's of Victor Harbor, VICTOR HARBOR
WA	Nunzio's Restaurant, FREMANTLE

JAPANESE RESTAURANT

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ACT	RAKU Dining, CANBERRA
NSW - REGIONAL	Nagisa Japanese Restaurant, NEWCASTLE
NSW - SYDNEY	Azuma, SYDNEY
QLD	Kiyomi - The Star Gold Coast, BROADBEACH
SA	Mimasu, ADELAIDE

NEW RESTAURANT

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ACT	Pilot, AINSLIE
NSW - SYDNEY	6HEAD, THE ROCKS
QLD	Melaleuca, PORT DOUGLAS
SA	Ember Pizza, NURIOOTPA
SA	Henry's Table @ Ayers House, ADELAIDE
SA	ORSO, ROSE PARK
VIC	Movida, LORNE
WA	Cam St Social, WEMBLEY



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PIZZA RESTAURANT

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NSW - REGIONAL	Figtree Gourmet Kitchen, FIGTREE
NSW - SYDNEY	Rosso Antico, NEWTOWN
QLD	Julius Pizzeria, SOUTH BRISBANE
SA	Lost in a Forest, URAIDLA
VIC	48 Hour Pizza & Gnocchi, SOUTH YARRA
WA	Pappagallo, LEEDERVILLE

RESTAURANT IN A HOTEL/MOTEL/RESORT/CASINO

Sponsored by Malt Shovel

ACT	Monster Kitchen and Bar - Ovolo Nishi, CANBERRA
NSW - REGIONAL	Seasalt - Crowne Plaza Terrigal Pacific, TERRIGAL
QLD	Garden Kitchen & Bar - The Star Gold Coast, BROADBEACH
SA	The Playford Hotel Restaurant, ADELAIDE
VIC	Dock 37 Bar & Kitchen - Pan Pacific Hotel, SOUTH WHARF

RESTAURANT IN A PUB/CLUB/TAVERN

Sponsored by Malt Shovel

ACT	Badger & Co, AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
NSW - REGIONAL	The Valley Restaurant - Easts Leisure and Golf, EAST MAITLAND
NSW - SYDNEY	Kyubi Modern Asian Dining - Campbelltown Catholic Club, CAMPBELLTOWN
QLD	Match Restaurant & Grill - Cowboys Leagues Club, TOWNSVILLE
SA	Royal Oak Penola Restaurant, PENOLA
VIC	The Espy Kitchen - Hotel Esplanade, ST KILDA

RESTAURANT IN A WINERY

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ACT	Café Lerida - Lerida Estate, LAKE GEORGE
NSW - REGIONAL	Esca Bimbagen Restaurant, POKOLBIN
QLD	Varias Restaurant and Banca Ridge Winery, STANTHORPE
SA	Bocca di Lupo - Mitolo Wines, McLAREN VALE
VIC	Jack Rabbit Vineyard Restaurant, BELLARINE
WA	Sandalford Wines Restaurant, CAVERSHAM

SEAFOOD RESTAURANT - FORMAL

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NSW - REGIONAL	The Wild Herring at The Anchorage Hotel & Spa Port Stephens, CORLETTE
NSW - SYDNEY	Omeros on the Beach, RAMSGATE
QLD	Wilson's Boathouse, MANLY

SEAFOOD RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

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NSW - SYDNEY	Sealevel Restaurant, CRONULLA
QLD	Shuck Restaurant, MAIN BEACH
SA	Hortas, PORT NOARLUNGA
VIC	Pastuso, MELBOURNE
WA	Kailis Bros, LEEDERVILLE



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SMALL BAR***Sponsored by OneMusic***

ACT	National Press Club Lounge Bar, BARTON
NSW - REGIONAL	Battlesticks Bar, NEWCASTLE
NSW - SYDNEY	Vernon's Bar, SUMMER HILL
QLD	Chapter & Verse Bar and Lounge, SURFERS PARADISE
SA	Arthur Waterhouse Lounge, CRAFTERS

SPECIALITY RESTAURANT***Sponsored by Entertainment Publications***

NSW - SYDNEY	Mercado, SYDNEY
NSW - SYDNEY	Mjølnir, REDFERN
NT	Hot Tamale, DARWIN
SA	Mexican Society of Chinatown, ADELAIDE
SA	Red Ochre Grill, NORTH ADELAIDE

STEAK RESTAURANT***Sponsored by H&L Australia***

NSW - REGIONAL	The Cottage, SCONE
NSW - SYDNEY	Black Bar and Grill, PYRMONT
QLD	Black Hide by Gambaro at Treasury, BRISBANE
SA	Gaucha's Argentinian Restaurant, ADELAIDE
VIC	Angus & Bon, PRAHRAN
VIC	San Telmo, MELBOURNE
WA	Char Char Restaurant Bar, FREMANTLE

THAI RESTAURANT***Sponsored by Prospa***

NSW - SYDNEY	Joe's Table, DARLINGHURST
QLD	Thai Royal Restaurant, TOOWOOMBA
SA	Soi 38, ADELAIDE
VIC	Longrain, MELBOURNE
WA	Dusit Dheva, NORTHBRIDGE

TOURISM RESTAURANT***Sponsored by Airbnb***

NSW - REGIONAL	Rick Stein at Bannisters, MOLLYMOOK BEACH
NSW - SYDNEY	Jonah's Restaurant & Boutique Hotel, WHALE BEACH
NT	Snapper Rocks Bar & Kitchen, DARWIN
QLD	Jellyfish Restaurant, BRISBANE
SA	Mayura Station's Tasting Room, MILLICENT
VIC	Jack Rabbit Vineyard Restaurant, BELLARINE
WA	Sandalford Wines Restaurant, CAVERSHAM



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TURKISH RESTAURANT

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ACT	Turkish Grill Restaurant, WANNIASSA
NSW - SYDNEY	Efendy, BALMAIN
QLD	Sofra Turkish Cuisine, TOOWOOMBA
VIC	Yagiz, SOUTH YARRA

VIETNAMESE RESTAURANT

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QLD	The Balfour Kitchen - Spicers Balfour Hotel, NEW FARM
SA	Miss Viet Kitchen, PORT ADELAIDE
VIC	Uncle, MELBOURNE

CATERING AWARDS

CORPORATE CATERER

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NSW - SYDNEY	European Catering Services Pty Ltd, ALEXANDRIA
QLD	Wine & Dine'm Catering, WOOLLOONGABBA
VIC	Sodexo - PwC Melbourne, SOUTH BANK
WA	Spices Group, BURSWOOD

EVENTS CATERER

Sponsored by Malt Shovel

NSW - SYDNEY	Australian Turf Club - Royal Randwick, RANDWICK
QLD	Wine & Dine'm Catering, WOOLLOONGABBA
SA	Blanco Catering, NEWTON
VIC	Ed Dixon Food Design, ABBOTSFORD
WA	Optus Stadium, BURSWOOD

FUNCTION/CONVENTION CENTRE CATERER

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ACT	Hotel Realm, BARTON
NSW - REGIONAL	Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, LOVEDALE
NSW - SYDNEY	Australian Turf Club - Rosehill Gardens, ROSEHILL
QLD	Howard Smith Wharves, BRISBANE
SA	The National Wine Centre of Australia, ADELAIDE
VIC	Encore, ST KILDA
WA	Rambla on Swan, SOUTH PERTH



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RESTAURANT CATERER***Sponsored by Sanpellegrino***

NSW - REGIONAL	The Convent - Circa 1876, POKOLBIN
NSW - SYDNEY	Aqua Dining, MILSONS POINT
QLD	Salsa Bar & Grill, PORT DOUGLAS
SA	Botanic Gardens Restaurant, ADELAIDE
VIC	The Grand Dining Room & Bar, RICHMOND

SITE/INDUSTRIAL CATERER***Sponsored by Ascent Footwear***

ACT	Trippas White Group - Australian Institute of Sport, BRUCE
NSW - REGIONAL	Eurest - BAE Flying School, TAMWORTH
NSW - SYDNEY	Trippas White Group - The Scots College, BELLEVUE HILL
QLD	Compass Group - University of QLD Dining Hall, GATTON
SA	Spotless - Clayton Church Homes, MAGILL
VIC	Spotless Group Alliance Catering - Emirates Lounge Melbourne International Airport, TULLAMARINE
WA	Chartwells - Presbyterian Ladies College, PEPPERMINT GROVE

SMALL CATERER***Sponsored by Hostplus***

NSW - SYDNEY	Rustic Kitchen, WOOLLAHRA
QLD	Black Ant Gourmet, KIN KIN
SA	Owen Andrews Barossa Catering, SEPPELTSFIELD
WA	Impressions Catering, PORT KENNEDY

VENUE CATERER***Sponsored by Deputy***

ACT	Trippas White Group - Australian War Memorial, CAMPBELL
NSW - REGIONAL	Peterson House, POKOLBIN
NSW - SYDNEY	Blond Catering - Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, DARLING POINT
VIC	Higher Mark - GMHBA Stadium, GEELONG
WA	AEG Ogden - RAC Arena, PERTH

WEDDING CATERER***Sponsored by AlSCO***

ACT	Ginger Catering, WESTON CREEK
NSW - REGIONAL	Sprout Catering, BROADMEADOW
NSW - SYDNEY	Doltone House - Hyde Park, SYDNEY
QLD	Gabbinbar Homestead, MIDDLE RIDGE
SA	The National Wine Centre of Australia, ADELAIDE
VIC	Encore, ST KILDA
WA	Supper Road, VASSE



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CATERER OF THE YEAR

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ACT	Hotel Realm, BARTON
NSW - REGIONAL	Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, LOVEDALE
NSW - SYDNEY	Australian Turf Club - Rosehill Gardens, ROSEHILL
QLD	Gabbinbar Homestead, MIDDLE RIDGE
SA	The National Wine Centre of Australia, ADELAIDE
VIC	Encore, ST KILDA
WA	AEG Ogden - RAC Arena, PERTH

CAFÉ OF THE YEAR

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ACT	Gather, BRADDON
NSW - REGIONAL	The Shaggy Cow, MITTAGONG
NSW - SYDNEY	The Laneway Café, CAMMERAY
QLD	Urban Paddock Café, DALBY
SA	Café Alere, BEDFORD PARK
TAS	Pearl + Co, HOBART
WA	Over Board Café, HILLARYS

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ACT	RAKU Dining, CANBERRA
NSW - REGIONAL	The Cottage, SCONE
NSW - SYDNEY	Tetsuya's, SYDNEY
QLD	Blackbird Bar & Restaurant, BRISBANE
SA	Hentley Farm Restaurant, SEPPELTSFIELD
VIC	Ezard, MELBOURNE